

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic W. Gehr Farm

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number South side Route 40, east of Indian Springs ☐ not for publication

city, town Indian Springs ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. WA-V-233

### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved      date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The W. Gehr Farm is located on the south side of Route 40, near the town of Indian Springs. The farm complex is set back slightly from the road, and is surrounded by open farmland, and behind it is Stone Quarry Ridge which borders the property on the south and west. Approaching from the east on Route 40, the view of the property is scenic.

The complex includes a farmhouse which faces northeast towards Route 40 and a barn on the slope to the west of the house. The house is 2½ stories high, gable roofed, and probably of frame construction. It is three bays wide by two deep, and has two interior end chimneys. The principal facade has a porch and a central doorway which is flanked on each side by a double-hung sash window like those seen throughout the house. The house appears to be well maintained and in good condition.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. WA-V-233

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The W. Gehr Farm is significant architecturally as a well-maintained example of a typical mid-19th century Washington County farmstead which also has an unusually scenic setting. The farmhouse is an example of the I-house (a house form seen throughout Maryland), as built during this period. The property is shown on both the 1859 Taggart map of Washington County and the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas of the county as that of W. Gehr.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WA-V-233

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, An Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland, Philadelphia, 1877.

Taggart, T., A Map of Washington County, Maryland, 1859.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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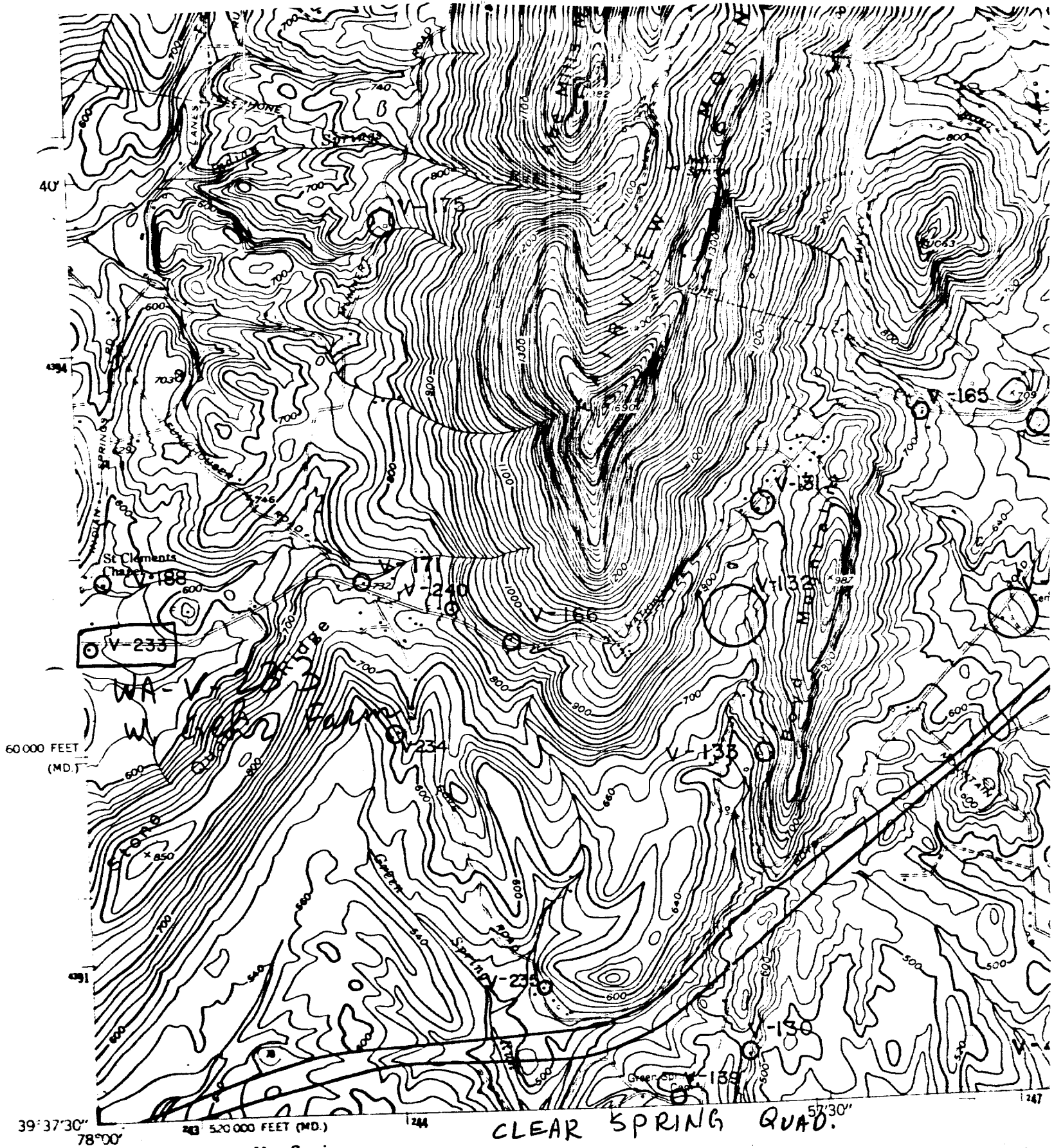
city or town Annapolis

state Maryland 21401

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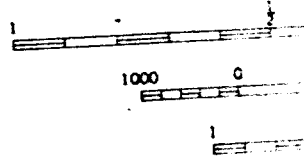
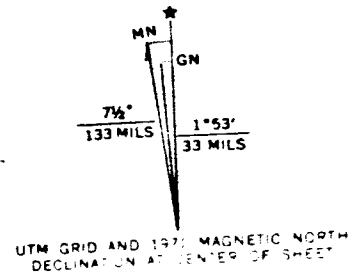
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 Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
 Control by USGS and USC&GS  
 Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
 Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field check 1944  
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1955  
 Polyconic projection 1927 North American datum  
 10,000 foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,  
 and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone  
 (The Pennsylvania coordinates are shown in brown)



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